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MINUTES

LEPC Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2007

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held May 16, 2007 at the Chattanooga Fire Departments Fire Training Center, 3200 Amnicola Highway, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The following constitutes the minutes of that meeting.

Those in attendance were:

Bruce Garner, CFD; **Chairman**
Wayne Stuntz, **Secretary/Treasurer**
Dawn Ford, Health Dept., **V/Chair**
Larry Martin, McKee Foods, **Vice Chair**
Garish Patel, ALCO Chemical, **Vice Chair**
David Darnell, BASF, **Vice Chair**
John Piotter, Guardian Group, **Vice Chair**
Dwayne Collins, TN- OHS
Scott Duke, TN – OHS
Mark Coffey, US DHS
John Bennett, JIT Terminals
C.R. Goodner, RACES
John Leach, HEPACO Inc.
Judy Johns, TN – OHS/ Y-12
Frank Waller, Y-12 NSC
Brian Lopez-Cepero, Self
Tim Yonts, Woodbridge Foam
Chuck Nichols, CFD
Mike Baronavski, CFD
Caroline Williams, LWV

Tim Arnold, USCG–Aux.
Karen Dale, INVISTA
Gerald Clayton, INVISTA
Scott Poe, INVISTA
Mike Flynn Sr., East Ridge Fire Rescue
Mike Edwards, McKee Foods
Jimmy Hibbard, TN State Guard
Jeremy Swilley, City Land Development Ofc.
Connie Morin, SEI, Inc.
K. Lamar Flint, CFD
Chad Reinsel, Nu-Foam
Randy Parker, CFD
Tony Reavley, Ham. Co. Emer. Svcs
Don Allen, Ham. Co. Emer. Svcs
Wendell Rowe, CFD
Eric Helquist, JAT/Fuels Mktg.
Cecilia Piotter, EWS Alabama
Terry Parks, Memorial Health
David Debuty, SEI, Inc.

Introductory Remarks: Bruce Garner, Chairman, began by welcoming all in attendance and asked for personal introductions.

- Following introductions, Chairman Garner introduced Fire Chief Wendell Rowe with the Chattanooga Fire Department, who welcomed all in attendance and welcomed the opportunity for the CFD to host once again the LEPC meeting. Chief Rowe said that the LEPC is a valuable repository of information for the type and quantity of chemicals being used in our community. He said that this is information that is critical to the CFD's

response in the event of a serious hazardous materials incident. Chief Rowe thanked Dwayne Collins, Regional Advisor, Tennessee Homeland Security, East Tennessee Region for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend the meeting.

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Chief Rowe encouraged the attendees to view the new fire equipment, purchased by the CFD through Homeland Security and other Federal grants, which was on display at the rear of the Fire Training Center

- The following became new members to the LEPC during this meeting: Mr. Tim Yonts with Woodbridge Foam and Terry Parks, of Memorial Hospital.

Old Business:

- Motion to approve March 14, 2007 LEPC meeting minutes was made by Larry Martin, and seconded by Jeremy Swilley. No further discussion. Motion passed.
- Financial report given by Secretary, Wayne Stuntz. Motion to approve made by Caroline Williams, seconded by Jimmie Hibbard. No further discussion. Motion passed.

New Business:

Guest Speaker: Dwayne Collins, TN – Office Homeland Security

- Dwayne Collins began by thanking Chief Rowe for his kind words and had great praise for our active LEPC.
- Mr. Collins then turned the meeting over to Mr. Timothy Hawkins, Inspector for the Federal Protective Service under the Department of Homeland Security, who spoke to the Committee about the new Chemical Security Regulation Program which will affect the Chemical industry—covering such points as:
 - The program is designed to strengthen security of chemical facilities that pose the highest risk to a community by asking “high risk” companies to complete an online security assessment;
 - “High risk” facilities will then be divided into four risk-based tiers, and requiring Tier 1 facilities for example, to implement stricter security measures than Tier 4 facilities
 - Mr. Hawkins distributed a “Chemical Security Regulation” handout and a preliminary agenda for the “2007 Chemical Sector Security Summit” which is to take place in Falls Church, VA June 11-13, 2007.
 - The Chemical Security Regulation handout has been made as an attachment to the Meeting Minutes.
 - A question and answer period ensued. Several questions were asked, ranging from community notification of security breaches to when and how chemical companies realize which Tier they fall into.

Other Business

- Chairman Garner brought the committee up to date on the status of the LEPC Training Opportunities, which are scheduled for June 18-20, 2007.

Date and Location of Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2007, 10:30 a.m. at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge, Tennessee.
- Meeting adjourned.